

Amendments to the Claims:

1-38. (canceled)

39-43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:18);

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:18), lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular soluble domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:18);

(d) ~~the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:18), lacking its associated signal peptide; or~~

~~(e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209250.~~

45. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:18).

46. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide shown in Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:18), lacking its associated signal peptide.

47. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular soluble domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:18).

48. (canceled)

49. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209250.

50. (currently amended) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 39 44 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

51. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 50, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.